

Minutes from the second meeting of WeCAN held at Westfield City Hall Assembly Room on  
April 29, 2008 at 7 pm.

Disclaimer: I hope you will find these notes helpful. They are not a complete representation of the whole meeting, but rather the highlights of topics discussed. Feel free to contact me at Westfield City Hall (317) 896-5570 if you have any questions. -TB

### **General Comments from the City of Westfield**

The Mayor and the City of Westfield would like to thank all those who came to the second WeCAN meeting on April 29, 2008. Introductions were made by all present. There were many returning representatives and also new participants. The City is very pleased with how the network is growing.

#### **Agenda:**

1. Agenda Topics Survey Results
2. Action Item - Speeding in Subdivisions-Enforcement vs. Traffic Calming Devices (Police Chief Kevin Jowitt and Director of Public Works Kurt Wanninger)
3. Introduction - Waste Management Presentation by Bruce Hauk – Discussion will continue on May 20
4. Inquiry - Parks and Recreation, Sidewalks, Trails – What do you want to know about specifically (funding, where we are, where we are going, specific parks, trails, etc.)? Parks Director Curt Cooley will be at the May 20 Meeting to introduce and address the topic

### **1. Agenda Topics Survey Results**

Sidewalks, Trails, and Parks and Citywide Trash and Recycling topped the list of important topics to discuss. Due to the clear responses, these will be covered in more depth at the next meeting. We will continue to utilize the survey to see what you want to see on future agendas.

### **2. Action Item - Speeding Addressed**

Police Chief Kevin Jowitt gave a presentation (see link See link Neighborhood Speed Partnership) on what the Westfield Police can do for neighborhoods.

- “Can knock it down, but can’t stop it”.
- 35 sworn police officers, 33 currently (2 deployed)

#### **Neighborhood Speed Partnership**

- 80% of speeders in a neighborhood live in that neighborhood

#### **Program**

- 1) Information – a letter can be addressed to neighborhood residents from police (see link under minutes). This is a deterrent in itself. Will work with neighborhoods to get information out via E-mail, Newsletter, Signs.
- 2) Awareness – Speed limit posting and trailer with current speed of vehicles. 2-5 days.
- 3) Enforcement – Write tickets, “Zero Tolerance”, 5 miles over speed limit is minimum officers can write a ticket for.

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- On duty officer twice per day for 2 hours each day (during rush hours)
    - Might get pulled away to answer call, will reschedule
  - Off duty officer same time frame but will not get called away
- 4) Follow-up – Police Department will distribute a post card with questions about how the officers handled the situations, if it was effective, etc.

## **Discussion Points**

### Costs

- Estimated cost about \$50/hr for police unit to be stationed in a neighborhood, have to pay time and a half for off duty officer
- About \$6.60 of an approximately \$145 ticket will go back to the police; they cannot give the Association proceeds from the tickets as the ticket fees are distributed per Indiana statute
- Association will need to help bear some of the costs of the program, especially getting the information out whether it be handing out the letters or postage to mail the letters
- The letters are more effective if mailed individually, not in a newsletter

### What to expect program is elected in your neighborhood

- Will work with the Association to find the time with most offenders and schedule the officer during that time
- If the officer is called away, will work to make-up the time
- Service calls go down in the summer so more time for program
- Will provide enforcement as laid out in presentation
- Association will have to help with mailings as the postage budget is not high in Police Department

### Bigger issues

- Still considering a dedicated traffic unit so the funding limitations of smaller organizations won't be an issue
- Village Farms is unique because of the cut-through traffic problem
- 75% of budget currently goes to Police and Fire. If we need more funding, can raise taxes slightly, if the residents want to see more officers.
- Indiana is low for speeding ticket fines
  - For seatbelt fine: Indiana \$25, Oregon \$97
- Researching if we can give fine levels or increase fines
- Also researching contracting with a court to get a higher percentage of ticket money
- Red light cameras are illegal in Indiana

### Suggestions

- If company trucks or cement trucks are a problem, call the company with the truck number and report the behavior – has proved to be effective in Brookside
- Send out a letter addressing speeding
- Put a sign at the entrance of the neighborhood
- Pilot neighborhoods can report back on the effects of program
- Stronger wording on letter from Police Department

## **Speeding Conclusion**

**Available to you now** (Please E-mail me at [tblackburn@westfield.in.gov](mailto:tblackburn@westfield.in.gov) if your HOA or neighborhood would like to participate in either of these programs or would like more information)

- Physical – Public Works Program (See link Speed Limit & Traffic Calming Handout from March 25, 2008)
- Enforcement Program – Police Department (See link Neighborhood Speed Partnership)

## **City is currently investigating**

- Dedicated Unit - Added officers and shift scheduled during high traffic times
- City Court – Contract with existing court to enforce local ordinances to gain higher percentage of fine
- Raise fines – Will recoup more money from fines given by local ordinance

## **3. Waste Management Presentation**

Deputy Mayor Bruce Hauk gave a presentation (Please see link Waste Management Presentation) on Waste Management

Scenario #1: Private Citizens Contract with Hauling/Disposal Firm for MSW Services

Scenario #2: Local Government Unit Enters into a Contract with Hauling/Disposal Firm for MSW Services

Scenario #3: Local Government Unit Provides MSW Hauling Services

**Scenario #4: HOAs Bid Together as a Group to Contract with Hauling/Disposal Firm for MSW Services with the advantage of Economies of Scale (can give lower rate for 9,000 residents rather than just 1 or 10 residents)**

## **Discussion Points**

- Recycling should be mandatory
- Eventually get to the point where city can provide organic/leaf pick-up at a small cost
- Cost varies as does services across Westfield and even within neighborhoods
- Can't start this soon enough, it is needed and the residents can gain from working together
- Trash companies don't want individual billings, billing HOAs as an entity gives them incentive to lower the price
- Even though in most cases the HOAs billing the residents is not explicitly stated in the covenants, it is also not explicitly prohibited
  - The trash service contract could be treated like a snow plow contract through a specific company

## **Trash Conclusion**

Please take survey on waste management (Please see link Trash Service Survey) to gauge what current trash practices are occurring. Please include as much detail as possible so we can accurately compare the costs and services.

## **4. Inquiry - Parks and Recreation, Sidewalks, Trails**

- Installation of Sidewalks
- Timeline for Sidewalk Installation
- Timeline for Monon Trail
- Park Impact Fees
  - New homes pay \$900 to parks
  - Right now we do not charge a levy
- Lighting
- Trailhead at Midland
- Simon Moon Park
  - What was planned
  - Funding
- Safety in parks, on trails (compare to Broad Ripple)
  - Cops on Bikes will help